Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 18 May 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 19 May 2022

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 16:14 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for an unsettled theme and windy conditions on the hills for much of the week with various period of rain and showers, a lot of brighter conditions too.

Headline for Wednesday 18 May 2022: Rain and showers clearing north and a brighter period expected, strong winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 18 May 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy rain showers (night)	Dull	Mist	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 18 May 2022

Weather: Scattered heavy showers are likely early on Wednesday morning but these will mostly clear by mid morning. Bright or sunny spells are expected to develop for most ranges and dry for most of the rest of the day. Cloud will increase later in the afternoon as a band of rain moves towards the southwest highlands and begins to progress north during the evening, with some squally rain for a time.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% increasing to 90%, low cloud in the morning will clear by lunchtime. Further low cloud later in the evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Scattered cloud 5-700ft in the morning associated with showers will lift and clear to leave only patches of lower cloud. Visibility will become poor for a time in any morning showers but later in the day it is expected to be very good. Through the evening visibility will deteriorate as rain moves over the area again.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	32/39 SW	32/40 S	40/50 S	38/49 SW	30/39 SW	30/40 S	44/56 S	50/63 S	45/57 S
900	23/29 SW	23/30 S	28/37 S	28/38 SW	23/31 SW	24/34 S	31/41 S	33/46 S	30/43 S
600	25/31 SW	29/35 S	35/44 S	33/42 SW	25/33 SW	26/35 S	37/47 S	40/51 S	34/45 S
300	14/21 SW	16/24 S	19/28 S	21/31 SW	16/24 SW	16/26 S	22/32 S	22/33 SE	18/29 S
Glen	10/20 SW	7/16 SW	10/23 S	17/32 SW	14/27 SW	11/21 SW	14/30 S	12/29 SE	15/30 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	3/-4	2/-6	1/-7	2/-6	3/-4	5/-1	4/-4	3/-5	3/-5
900	5/-1	4/-2	4/-2	5/-1	7/2	9/5	8/2	6/0	5/-1
600	7/2	7/2	6/0	7/1	9/4	11/7	10/6	9/4	8/3
300	8/5	8/5	8/5	9/5	12/9	14/11	13/9	12/8	10/7
Glen	10/8	10/8	10/8	12/9	14/12	16/14	15/12	13/11	11/8
Freezing Level*	1600m	1500m	1500m	1500m	1500m	1700m	1500m	1600m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A windy day with gales on higher munro tops, especially gusty around any morning showers.

Forecast for Thursday 19 May 2022

Weather: Overnight rain will clear north to leave a few showers during the morning. Showers will clear and it will become a dry and sunny afternoon for most ranges.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly winds 20-25mph with gusts 30-35mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% improving to 90%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Scattered cloud from 600m in the morning will thin and become patchy around 7-800m at times for western ranges. Visibility will be poor at times in morning showers but becoming good during the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 rising to 17 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 rising to 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above all summits.

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